years, year-wise and the orders finally executed during such period;

(c) The investment required for modernisation of BEL; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the company has the potential to manufacture colour TV picture tubes; if so, the limitations with Government in allowing company to do so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) The overall order book position of Bharat Electronics Limited has improved, although orders for sound and vision broadcasting equipment have declined due to limited expansion of Radio Network.

(b) the details of orders received for Defence and Sound & Vision equipment in the last three years and supplies made are as below:

| | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (Value in Crores of Rupees) | | |
| *All orders at beginning of the year* | 1594 | 1964 | 2287<br>2388* |
| *Orders at the beginning of the year* | | | |
| Defence | 1463 | 1854 | 2216 |
| Sound & Vision | 62 | 41 | 19<br>17* |
| *Orders received during the year* | 900 | 1051 | 458* |
| Defence | 64 | 56 | 20* |
| Sound & Vision | | | |
| *Supplies made during the year* | 509 | 689 | 322* |
| Defence | 85 | 78 | 22* |
| Sound & Vision | | | |

*Figures as on 31.1.1997

(c) Modernisation is a continuous process. However no specific investment is required in the context of current range of orders.

(d) Yes, Sir. However investment decisions are made in the context of existing capacity in the country and having regard to whether this line of manufacture is in line with the objectives and growth strategy of BEL as a Defence Production Undertaking.

**Operational deficiency of Bofors gun**

1820. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 400-odd "shoot and scoot" Bofors guns which were riddled with operational deficiencies, are in a critical state without enough spares and ammunition; and if so, the reaction of Government in regard thereto;

(b) whether Government had paid 8.4 million kroners to AB Bofors for supplying spares for the Howitzer guns in 1986; and

(c) if so, whether any step was taken to reopen negotiations with Bofors for making good the credit lying with them for more than a decade; and if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. 8.41 billion Swedish kroners was the total contractual value for 400 numbers of Guns, Ammunition and support equipment including spares. 20% of the amount was paid in advance. 80% was paid against delivered stores through credit made available by a Swedish Bank under a separate Agreement. The credit is being repaid to the Bank in instalments.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

**Arms export by US to India**

1821. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US arms manufacturing firms are required to